

Greetings,

On Thursday morning, March 1, 2012, MTA Capital Construction (MTACC) hosted its third Second Avenue Subway (SAS) Monthly Construction Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting, at the Marymount Manhattan College. These meetings are intended for stakeholders (building managers, co-op and condo board representatives, buildings not represented by boards, community association leaders and business owners), with the MTACC SAS project staff and the Contractor making a presentation and answering questions. The information and discussion is specific to the affected area of the SAS 72nd Street Station Area.

Please see below a summary of key points and follow-up actions from the meeting, in addition to any relevant updates since the meeting was held. Please feel free to forward this email to the larger group you represent to apprise them of the ongoing work taking place in these committee meetings. We welcome your comments and hearing about any concerns that you might have.

- In addition to the regular CAC meetings, MTACC and its contractors are meeting with the abutting buildings to the future ancillaries and entrances as construction activity increases at these locations.
 - Demolition has been completed at the northwest corners of 69th Street and 72nd Street. Both locations will be the future sites of ancillary structures for the 72nd Street Station. The Contractor is currently installing support of excavation walls to begin the open-cut excavation for these new structures.
 - Preparations for demolition of the building at 300 E. 72nd Street (southeast corner of 72nd Street and Second Avenue) are continuing. Actual demolition is expected to start in mid-April and continue for approximately 6 weeks. This location will be a bank of elevators leading down to the mezzanine level of the station.
 - Late night drilling, also referred to as “third shift”, has been completed at Entrance 1 (located in the northeast corner of 69th Street and Second Avenue) and at Entrance 3 (southeast corner of 72nd Street and Second Avenue). Current third shift drilling at Ancillary 1 (northwest corner of 69th Street and Second Avenue) will last until end of May 2012, approximately.
 - The Contractor anticipates the start of two shift drill and blasting activities at Ancillary 2 on or around April 1st, and at Ancillary 1 on or around May 1st. These activities will extend until the end of the year.
 - MTACC and its contractors are continuing to improve the traffic and pedestrian conditions along Second Avenue and are coordinating with the Mayor’s office and various City agencies on the following issues:
 - Congestion at the intersection of 72nd Street and Second Avenue
 - NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agents
 - Proper sightlines for pedestrians/vehicles
 - Coordination with Con Edison
 - Westbound bus stop on 72nd Street
 - To ease traffic congestion, a truck staging area for the 72nd Street Station contract is being established. This new staging area will allow trucks to park along one block on Second Avenue (on the east side between 74th and 75th Streets) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.
 - In response to comments from stakeholders, the Contractor has enhanced the pedestrian ramp in front of 245 East 72nd Street.
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 - The Contractor will continue to enforce proper means and methods of conveying material when on pedestrian sidewalks and walkways.
 - MTACC will provide more information regarding the schedule and project timeline in the future, including any information available of the next contract’s staging plans.
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- Please note the next CAC meeting will be held in mid-April. Because MTACC is hosting its second public workshop on March 20th, as well as attending the Community Board 8 Second Avenue Subway Task Force meeting on March 28th, it was decided that having the next CAC meeting in April was the best use of everyone’s time.
 - Please note that each CAC presentation is now available on the [mta.info website](http://mta.info/website).